State Police Forces are placing their demand of funds with their respective Governments for equipping their force to meet the challenges either under Modernisation of Police Forces Schemes or otherwise. Weaponry items and security equipments including sophisticated weaponry are being purchased by the State Police Forces keeping in view their operation requirements. Financial assistance of Rs. 5.004 crore has been given to the States under Modernisation of Police Force Scheme during the last 5 years (2003-04 to 2007-08).

Modernisation of CPMFs is an ongoing process and the Government on a continuous basis takes necessary steps and measures to ensure that the Police Forces are expanded and upgraded with modern technologies, weapons and tactics to effectively meet the security threats.

Greater investment in security technology

295. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has emphasised on the need for greater investment in security technology to counter terrorism and boost internal security efforts;

(b) if so, whether Government is proposing to seek latest security technology from the developed countries;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the existing available technology is not properly used for security; and

(e) if so, the plans formulated to make use of such technologies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Prime Minister, in his inaugural address during the Chief Minister's conference held on 06.01.2009, has emphasized on the need for a comprehensive strategy that combines the best of technological and human capabilities within the country to defeat terrorism in all its manifestations.

(b) to (e) The existing and available technologies are being utilised properly. Under the ongoing Modernisation Scheme for the Central Para Military Forces and Modernisation Scheme for State Police Organisations, weapons and equipments of latest technologies available within the country or through imports are provided to the Police Forces to counter security threats.

Nexus between mafia and terrorists

296. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is preparing a roadmap to curb organized crimes in the country which is perpetrated by the Mumbai mafia and helping indirectly to terrorist outfits in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several terrorist outfits have revealed that mafias in the country are providing infrastructure and logistical support to terrorist in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to break the nexus of mafias and terrorists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) Police and public order being State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, the State Governments are primarily responsible for prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of crime and criminals. However, keeping in view the possible nexus between the mafia and organized crime with terrorism, the Central Government has suggested to the State Governments that action plans should be drawn up, and focussed measures taken to identify and rid State capitals and other major cities/towns of mafia gangs, extortion groups, land sharks, etc. The State Governments have also been advised to set up a dedicated and well equipped cell, under senior level supervision, to comprehensively monitor and deal with organized crimes such as, drug trafficking, money laundering, circulation of counterfeit currency, etc.

Upgrading security facilities of para military forces

297. SHRI ISHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of recent attacks by terrorists in Mumbai and other parts of the country Government has decided to upgrade the equipments and security related facilities to para-military forces in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the demands of paramilitary forces have been met by Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) to what extent para military forces are in a position to meet the challenges of the terrorists/Naxalites etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) There is an ongoing Modernisation Scheme for Central Para-Military Forces with an outlay of Rs. 4184.50 crore which will come to end on 31.3.2010. Under the Modernisation Scheme, CPMFs are provided with superior arms and ammunitions, effective transport vehicles, communication and surveillance equipments and clothing so as to sustain and increase the effectiveness of the CPMFs. The skills of the troops are also continuously upgraded by providing regular training and creation of modern training facilities.